President: You must ask that question to a judge and not to the Chief Secretary.

Statement, by caste, of appointments made by and on the recommendation of Mr. R. M. Statham.

24. * **Mr. Tariatu Kunjitomman** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of appointments made direct by Mr. R. M. Statham and those made by Government on his recommendation, after he assumed charge, till the 1st Medom last?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan: The *statement is laid on the table.

Statement, by caste, of clerks in the High Court and District Courts.

25. * **Mr. Tariatu Kunjitommen**: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing separately the number of Syrian Catholics, Latin Catholics and members of other communities among clerks now in the High Court and in each of the District Courts?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: A †statement giving the information required is laid on the table.

Mr. M. N. Parameswaran Pillai: May I know whether in view of the appointment of the Public Service Commissioner the answering of such questions is necessary?

President: I wish the Honourable member will appeal to the non-official members not to ask such questions in view of the appointment of the Public Service Commissioner. If they ask, Government are bound to answer.

Candidates for the recent V. S. L. C. Training Examination.

26. * **Mr. M. N. Narayana Menon** (*Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of candidates who appeared for the V. S. L. C. Training Examination this time; and

(*b*) the number among them who passed?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan: (*a*) 1018.

(*b*) 432.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai: May I know what accounts for this larger percentage of failures?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan: I am not aware that there is a larger percentage of failure.

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†*Vide* Appendix II at page 102.

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Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai : May I know from the Director of Public Instruction what percentage of success he would consider to be satisfactory ?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan : That is a matter of opinion.

President : Is there any uniform standard laid down that such and such a percentage shall be secured ?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan : No, Sir.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai : What is the percentage of students that pass now ?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan : Forty-five per cent.

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Appendix I.

(Vide **Answer to Question No. 24**),

Statement, by caste, of appointments made by and on the recommendation of Mr. R. M. Statham.

A.	*Hindus.*		
	Brahmins	...	12
	Nairs	...	28
	Other Caste Hindus	...	4
	Kammalas	...	4
	Nadars	...	2
	Ezhavas	...	7
	Cheramar (Pulaya)	...	...
	Other Hindus	...	4
B.	*Musalmans*	...	8
C.	*Christians.*		
	Jacobite	...	2
	Marthomite	....	4
	Syrian Catholics	...	3
	Latin ,,	...	...
	South Indian United Church		5
	Other Christians	...	7